whether it is a fact that the work for construction of 6000 kilometre segment into four lane has been allocated in the names of contractors during the last financial year; and

if so, the details thereof; State-wise and National Highway-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) The Committee on Infrastructure under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister, has decided for the improvement of National Highways under various phases (phases I to VII) of National Highways Development Project (NHDP) involving an investment of Rs. 2,20,000 Crore.

(b) and (c) State-wise and National Highways-wise details of contracts awarded during last financial year are annexed. [See Appendix 207, AnnexurelO]

Development of Vadinar Port

2811. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

whether Government are planning to develop Vadinar Port fcr the cargo other than oil cargo;

if so, the status thereof;

whether Government are considering to form joint venture/SPU with Government of Gujarat/GMB for the purpose; and

if so, what would be the modality?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Kandla Port Trust has taken initiative to develop Vadinar Port to handle cargo other than Oil Cargo as creation of berthing and allied facilities for handling cargo for the proposed power station of Sikka.

No, Sir.

Does not arise.

Land acquisition by NHAI

2812. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether with more than Rs. 3400 crores already spent on North-